

Community Development Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 6, 2018

The Community Development Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnathan Hyde at 5:00 PM.

Committee Members present were Vice-President Sean Steeg and Councilman David Quarry.

Members present were President Nicole Houck, Councilman James Bair Jr, Councilman Terry Green, Councilman Robert Jackson Jr, Borough Manager Daniel Varner and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Guest present were Grants Administrator George Drobnock, James Decker, Don Backman, Donna Isenberg, Steve Heine, Dan Beyer, Mark Colussy, and Bob Reitman.

Chairman Johnathan Hyde recognized the guest present and asked for any comments at this time.

- James Decker spoke for the town clock committee and said that they have had several meetings. He then turned it over to George Drobnock.
- George Drobnock handed out a packet to Council and went over it and said that the estimated Boroughs commitment would be \$40,000.00 towards a \$120,000.00 grant application.
- Johnathan Hyde said that this was a lot of money for the Borough to Commit.
- George Drobnock said that this is a PA Historical Grant and the Committee would like Council to strongly consider to partner with them. He said the Borough owns the clock (1872) and has been maintaining it. He said there was an agreement signed.
- George Drobnock said that if this project does not go through then something will have to be done with the removal of the clock. He said there will be cost to this and also cost to fix the tower once removed.
- George Drobnock said that the Borough would be the entity on the Application since they own it and this needs to be filed early next year.
- George Drobnock said that if the Borough would file the Grant Application then the Town Clock Committee could go out and collect funds from Social Organization and Local Foundations and this would lower the Boroughs cost.
- George Drobnock said if the Borough would file the Grant Application and the Committee does not secure sufficient funding then the Borough could drop out.
- George Drobnock said that once the application is filed and the grant is received, then the project would start in about 18 Months.

The Community Development Committee recommends that a Motion to approve a Grant Application to the PA Historical Museum Commission for repairs to the Town Clock.

- Donna Isenberg mentioned that since Landmark is helping would the funds be sent to them or the Borough.
- Bob Reitman HCBI handed out a packet to Council and went over the LED Project. He went over the estimated costs for Electric Street Lights and estimated costs for Solar Street Lights.
- Bob Reitman said that he would also go the Huntingdon Area School District, Juniata College and J. C. Blair Memorial Hospital to partner in on this project for funding.

- James Bair asked if they would be eliminating the street lights that exist now and the answer was no.
- Bob Reitman said that they could do the application and that there would be no cost to do this but maybe a \$100.00 application fee.
- The committee recommend that Bob Reitman go to the School District, Juniata College and J. C. Blair Memorial Hospital to see if they are on board and to go ahead with the application.

Grant Administrator Status and Report.

- Dan Varner said that he had a meeting this morning with Melody Mason and said that the 2014 money would need to be spent by June 2019 and the 2015 money would need to be spent by September 2019.
- Dan Varner said that we are ready to advertise for this and we are working on a list of the curb cuts that we would like to do.
- Dan Varner said that we have not received any response from CDBG on the closing of 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 grants.
- Mark Colussy said about having a meeting in January 2019 to see what we would like to do. It was mentioned about having this meeting at the workshop on 1-17-2019. Mark said this was not good due to him having a Planning Commission meeting that day.
- It was suggested to begin very early next year to discuss projects for the 2020 CDBG funds..

Mayor's Report (David Wessels was not present)

- Sean Steeg said that he has spoken with David and he said that the Tree Lighting was very successful and there was a lot of people there.
- Sean Steeg asked if we had the work anniversaries of employees and Nicole Houck said she had them.

Open Issues.

- Chairman Johnathan Hyde asked about the Non-discrimination Ordinance and Nicole Houck said that she has spoken with Solicitor Wilson and that we need to talk with people that already have this in place.

New Business. (Nothing to Report)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King

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